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C O N F I D E N T I A L KARACHI 1061

JOINT STATE-USIS MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4
TAGS: PINT PK
SUBJ: POLITICAL VIGNETTES, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL

1. IQBAL MIRZA, CORRESPONDENT OF FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON AND A GOOD USIS CONTACT, HAS TOLD A SENIOR USIS LOCAL THAT AIR VICE MARSHAL (RET) ERIC G GALL WAS SACKED FROM HIS JOB AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION BECAUSE HE ISSUED CLEARANCES FOR THE TWO RUSSIAN PLANES LOADED WITH ARMS FOR ETHIOPIA. ADVISOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AGHA SHAHI, SUPPOSEDLY HAD ALREADY TURNED DOWN THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY REQUEST FOR TRANSIT PERMISSION BUT HALL APPARENTLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT. AS A RESULT, THERE IS A ROW BETWEEN THE MFA AND THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY, MIRZA SAID. THE LATTER HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT, HENCEFORTH, THERE WILL BE NO "UNSCHEDULED" RUSSIAN PLANES ALLOWED TO TRANSIT PAKISTAN WITHOUT THEIR CARGO BEING CHECKED. THE GOP WAS EMBARRASSED BY THE INCIDENT IN LIGHT OF THEIR VIGOROUS PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA IN THE HORN OF
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AFRICA CONFLICT.

2. MIRZA CONFIRMED, ALSO, A RECENT TASS REPORT THAT PAKISTAN WAS SUPPLYING SOME ARMS TO SOMALIA, WHICH WAS DENIED BY THE GOP. HE SAYS THAT THE REPORT WAS, IN FACT, CORRECT, DESPITE THE OFFICIAL DENIAL. MIRZA SPECULATED THAT, SINCE PAKISTAN IS ITSELF SHORT OF WEAPONS, THESE ARMS WERE ACQUIRED FROM CHINA, WHICH HAS

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PRONOUNCED FOR THE SOMALIS, AND WERE THEN PASSED ON BY PAKISTAN.

3. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, MIRZA REPORTED THAT AGHA SHAHI HAD BRIEFED EDITORS IN LATE JANUARY AND TOLD THEM THAT THE CMLA HAD RECEIVED "A WARM LETTER OF APPRECIATION" FROM AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAUD FOR DECLARING A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR NAP LEADERS, WORKERS, AND SYMPATHIZERS. THIS HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC TO DATE; MAYBE, WE SPECULATE, BECAUSE IT MIGHT CASE A FURTHER SECESSIONIST SHADOW ON WALI KHAN WHO SEEMS TO HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE CMLA.
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